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SUBJECT: TRAVELLING PRESS REPORTAGE, SUNDAY, APRIL 25

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NEWSPAPERS

1. WASHPOST, MARDER, APRIL 24, NAIROBI, FRONT PAGE STORY
HEADLINED, "U.S. HELP PLEDGED IN AFRICA, KISSINGER TELLS
NATIONALISTS OF 'NEW APPROACH'".

KISSINGER TOLD A SKEPTICAL BLACK AFRICA TONIGHT THAT U.S.
IS URGENTLY PREPARING TO HELP ITS EXPLOSIVE DRIVE FOR
"HUMAN DIGNITY AND RACIAL EQUALITY" AND "ECONOMIC PROGRESS".

BUT KISSINGER ASKED FOR TIME FOR U.S. TO TRY TO HELP ORGANIZ
NEW ATTEMPTS AT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO AFRICA'S MOST URGENT
PROBLEM, RHODESIA.....

...AFRICANS BITTERLY RECALL, HOWEVER, THAT IN 1970 THEY
HEARD WHAT SOUNDS TO THEM LIKE SIMILAR WORDS FROM FIRST
AMERICAN SECSTATE EVER TO REACH THIS REGION, WM. P. ROGERS.

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...THIS I A HUGE BURDEN FOR KISSINGER TO OVERCOME. IT WAS

ONLY RECENT VICTORY OF SOVIET-BACKED CUBAN MILITARY FORCES
IN ANGOLA THAT SHOCKED U.S.G. INTO ITS CURRENT EFFORTS
TO FORMULATE A SIGNIFICANT AFRICAN POLICY.

EVEN NOW, REPORTERS ABOARD KISSINGER'S PLANE ON FLIGHT FROM
BRITAIN TO KENYA WERE TOLD THAT IT WILL TAKE MANY MONTHS
FOR FORD ADMINISTRATION TO ASSEMBLE AN INTEGRATED POLICY
OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO
THE COMPLEX OF AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

TO MANY AFRICAN LEADERS THIS IS CERTAIN TO LOOK LIKE A
STRETCH-OUT EXTENDING THROUGH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAM-
PAIGN.

KISSINGER IS ATTEMPTING TO CONVINCE AFRICANS THAT U.S. IS
NOW PREPARED TO TAKE CONCRETE ACTION ON AFRICA'S MOST
URGENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. THIS WOULD BE DONE
THROUGH A NEW PROGRAM OF FINANCING PRODUCTION OF RESOURCES.

...SENIOR OFFICIALS ABOARD KISSINGER'S PLANE SAID KISSINGER
WORDS IN ENGLAND WERE DELIBERATELY CHOSEN "IN AN ATTEMPT
TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE IAN SMITH GOVT IN SALISBURY TO
RESUME NEGOTIATIONS..."

2. NYTIMES (KAUFMAN). IN NAIROBI, KISSINGER BEGAN AFRICAN
VISIT DECLARING IDENTIFICATION OF AFRICAN AND U.S. ASPIRA-
TIONS. ON SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HE SAID
"FUTURE MUST BE SHAPED BY AFRICA" WHILE HE DID NOT COME
"TO LINE UP ONE GROUP OF AFRICAN NATIONS OR...MOVEMENTS
AGAINST ANOTHER." THIS MAY HAVE BEEN AN ALLUSION TO
CHARGES BY MUZOREWA THAT KISSINGER SEEKS TO BUILD UP
"PUPPET REGIMES IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE MAJORITY RULE WAS
IMMINENT."

KAUFMAN PIECE ON PAGE 12.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS FROM NAIROBI: SECSTATE KISSINGER SAYS
U.S. "DOES NOT PLAN TO GIVE MILITARY AID IN ANY FORM TO
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NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA." KISSINGER SAID HIS
DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS DURING A 7 NATION AFRICAN TOUR WILL BE
GEARED TO DEALING WITH ESTABLISHED GOVTS....

KISSINGER'S TWO-WEEK DIPLOMATIC SAFARI IS AIMED AT ASSERTIN
U.S. INFLUENCE IN BLACK AFRICA...AND SEEKING A PEACEFUL END
TO WHITE MINORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. AT AN AIRPORT NEWS
CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI, KISSINGER SAID HE BELIEVES THE

AFRICAN NATIONS SHOULD HAVE A FREE HAND IN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS ON THE CONTINENT. AND IN AN IMPLIED SLAP AT THE

KREMLIN, HE ADDED, "WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS HELPFUL FOR OUTSIDE POWERS TO INJECT THEMSELVES BECAUSE THAT COULD LEAD TO DIVISION OF AFRICA."

RELATED AP PIECE FROM SALISBURY NEWSPAPER QUOTES RHODESIAN OFFICIAL. "KISSINGER WILL RECEIVE A COMPLETELY ONE-SIDED PICTURE" OF SITUATION FROM BLACK GOVTS WITHOUT TALKING TO HIS GOVT.

2. REUTER (NELSON). FROM NAKURU, KENYA, LOCAL COLOR STORY DESCRIBES HARAMBEE CHANTS AND KISSINGER QUIP ABOUT INTRODUCING NEW PROCEDURE BACK AT STATE DEPT.

IN EARLIER FILING FROM NAIROBI REUTER REPORTS AN OFFICIAL MADE CLEAR U.S. WAS READY TO GIVE MORAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO RHODESIAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS, BUT NO ARMS. THIS POLICY COULD PROVOKE HOSTILITY, SUSPICION OF U.S. MOTIVES, SAID OFFICIAL.

U.S.-KENYAN RELATIONS ARE GOOD. TOPICS WILL BE SOUTHERN AFRICA AND KENYA'S DESIRE FOR SOPHISTICATED ARMS.

EXCERPTS FROM LATE NELSON (DAR ES SALAAM) ITEM FOLLOW:

A SENIOR OFFICIAL TRAVELLING WITH SECSTATE SAID TODAY U.S. MAY RECONSIDER ITS POSITION AGAINST AIDING BLACK AFRICAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IF EXPERIENCE OF ANGOLA IS REPEATED IN RHODESIA.

KISSINGER, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI DECLARED, "U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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DOES NOT PLAN TO GIVE MILITARY AID IN ANY FORM TO NATIONALI MOVEMENT IN AFRICA."

BUT WHAT APPEARED TO BE A CATEGORICAL DENIAL OF AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WAS SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFIED BY SENIOR OFFICIAL ABOARD DR. KISSINGER'S PLANE.

HE INDICATED THAT WASHIN-TON WOULD RECONSIDER ITS POSITION IF FIGHTING BROKE OUT BETWEEN RIVAL RHODESIAN INDEPENDENCE BROUPS AND ONE BEGAN RECEIVING LARGE AMOUNTS OF COMMUNIST AID.

...OBSERVERS SUGGESTED THAT IF BISHOP MUZOREWA SOUGHT AND OBTAINED SUBSTANTIAL CUBAN OR SOVIET SUPPORT AGAINST NKOMO'S FACTION. THE U.S. MIGHT SUPPORT MR. NKOMO'S FORCES

...SENIOR U. S. OFFICIAL SAID THAT DESPITE RECENT AFRICAN CALLS FOR U.S. ARMS AID TO RHODESIAN GUERRILLAS, KISSINGER WOULD BE ASTONISHED IF TANZANIAN PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE ASKED HIM TO PROVIDE WEAPONS.
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...IN HIS ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT DAR ES SALAAM, KISSINGER NOTED PAST U.S. DIFFERENCES WITH TANZANIA, WHICH HAS OUTSPOKENLY OPPOSED U.S. AT UN. BUT HE SAID TWO COUNTRIES BOTH SOUGHT SELF-DETERMINATION, RACIAL EQUALITY AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS, ALTHOUGH ALONG DIFFERENT PATHS.

...MR. NYERERE WAS EXPECTED TO DEMAND THAT U.S. PRESSURE SOUTH AFRICA TO COMPLETE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF RHODESIA, AND TO BAN U.S. CHROME IMPORTS FROM RHODESIA AS WELL.

THE SUNDAY NEWS, OWNED BY TANZANIAN GOVT...SAID IT EXPECTED KISSINGER'S VISIT HERE WOULD ENABLE HIM TO SEE "FOLLY" OF U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA.

NEWSPAPER SAID IT DID NOT EXPECT KISSINGER'S SHORT VISIT TO CHANGE "AGES-OLD BIASES" BUT ADDED: "WE BELIEVE THAT THIS SINGLE VISIT BY A MAN, WHO FOR TIME BEING AT LEAST IS THE VIRTUAL AUTHOR OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, CAN CHANGE PREMISE ON WHICH AFRICAN AFFAIRS ARE CONSIDERED
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AND JUDGED."

3. UPI (ANDERSON). IN LATE ITEM FROM DAR ES SALAAM, KISSINGER SAYS UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD U.S. GIVE WEAPONS TO BLACK GUERRILLAS FIGHTING WHITE MINORITY REGIMES U.S. PREFERS TO CHANNEL ECONOMIC AID THROUGH ESTABLISHED GOVTS AND USE POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN SUPPORT OF MAJORITY RULE.

IN TANZANIA, POSSIBLY MOST CRUCIAL STOP OF TRIP, KISSINGER WAS GREETED BY CRITICAL EDITORIAL SAYING U.S. HAD STOOD WITH AFRICA'S OPPRESSORS FOR 20 YEARS.

IN KENYA, KENYATTA "VIRTUALLY DRAGGED" KISSINGER ONTO DANCE FLOOR FOR A "TWO-STEP OF SORTS".

4. AP (SCHWEID). IN LATEST FILING FROM DAR ES SALAAM, BARRY REPEATS KISSINGER STATEMENT THAT U.S. "DOES NOT PLAN TO GIVE MILITARY AID IN ANY FORM TO NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA. (NOTE: AP REPORT WHICH MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF INDIRECT MILITARY SUPPORT FOR BLACK GUERRILLAS MOVED APRIL 24 AT 1556 ON CITY WIRE AND WAS CORRECTED BY AN

URGENT "TOPS ALL" AT 1803, APRIL 24, FROM NAIROBI. "SOURCE
IN KISSINGER PARTY DENIED THEY HAD SAID THAT MILITARY AID
TO BLACK NATIONALISTS WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION...) LATER
IN ITEM, SCHWEID BALANCES ABOVE LEAD WITH FOLLOWING:
REPORTS CIRCULATED IN AFRICA, HOWEVER, THAT FORD ADMINI-
STRATION IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF AT LEAST INDIRECT
ARMS AID. FORD, KISSINGER AND OTHER ADMIN OFFICIALS HAVE

THREATENED TO TAKE BROAD ACTION SHOULD SOVIET UNION USE
CUBAN FORCES TO FOMENT STRIFE IN AFRICA. THEY HAVE NOT
SAID SPECIFICALLY WHAT ACTION WOULD BE.

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